

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS

The ABC has recently had a change in our website address. The new address is <http://abc.ky.gov/>. To access licensing information, STAR class listings and registration forms and all other agency information, please visit our website.

HOME AGAIN!

As most everyone is aware, in October of 2005, the building that housed the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control was closed due to structural and safety issues. At that time our staff was divided into two locations in Frankfort.

All repairs have been made to the 1003 Twilight Trail address and it is now home again for all of our staff.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during our time of challenge!

OPERATION ZERO TOLERANCE INCREASE

During 2006, in keeping with the primary mission of the agency, the Enforcement Division of the Kentucky Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control will significantly increase the number of Operation Zero Tolerance (OZT) compliance checks conducted throughout the Commonwealth. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in Washington D.C. has found the OZT program to be one of the most measurable and effective tools in reducing the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. The program uses 18, 19 and 20 year old investigative aides who enter licensed premises under the supervision of an ABC agent to attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. This program is utilized throughout the United States. Licensees or their managers should constantly remind their employees to verify the age of individuals who are attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages.

NATIONAL TOWN HALLS - REDUCING UNDERAGE DRINKING

Forty communities across the Commonwealth will participate in Town Hall Meetings. Thanks to new research, we know more now than ever about the risks associated with underage drinking. The Town Hall Meetings are part of a national effort to increase the understanding of underage drinking and its consequences, and to encourage individuals, families, and communities to address the problem. The meetings will provide an opportunity for communities to learn more about the new research on the issue, and to discuss how their community can best prevent underage alcohol use. These Town Hall Meetings are designed to alert and empower the community as well as generate interest from the media.

For information contact your local ASAP Board or log onto <http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov>.

WELCOME ANGELA PETERS - INVESTIGATIVE AUDITOR

The Enforcement Division welcomes Angela Peters to their staff as an auditor. Angie will work closely with Enforcement management and field officers in assuring compliance with licensure requirements, specifically those licenses such as Limited Restaurant that have food sales percentage requirements. Ms. Peters will inspect records during investigations, and report her findings to the ABC Board.

She is a Pulaski County native and a graduate of Southwestern Pulaski County High School and Eastern Kentucky University where she graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Assets Protection with a concentration in Investigations and Accounting. Ms. Peters previously worked at the Finance Cabinet, Department of Revenue.

LEXINGTON MANDATED TRAINING

In an effort to assist those in the Lexington area in their compliance with a LFUCG ordinance that mandated responsible beverage server training for all that sell or serve alcoholic beverages, the ABC continues to offer numerous STAR classes in Fayette County.

Since the Lexington ordinance passed, over 700 people have enrolled in the numerous STAR classes offered in the Lexington area. For a complete listing of upcoming classes for Lexington, please access the Lexington class link on our website at <http://abc.ky.gov/> under Education or contact our staff at 502/564-4850. The training deadline for present employees to become certified is April 6, 2006.

UPCOMING S.T.A.R. TRAINING DATES

S.T.A.R. (Server Training in Alcohol Regulations) classes educate the industry on responsible sales and service, individual liabilities and fake identifications, as well as Kentucky statutes and Kentucky Administrative Regulations.